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City of Rohnert Park Celebrates Newest Affordable Housing Community

Southeast neighborhood contains most diverse mix of affordable housing units in the city to date

Rohnert Park, CA – April 7, 2022 – Officials from the City of Rohnert Park and Burbank Housing gathered to celebrate the completion and opening of the Willowglen Apartments in southeast Rohnert park on Thursday. Bolstered by the city’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, the 36-unit Willowglen Apartments community located at 1701 Wisdom Lane brings the number of new affordable housing options for Rohnert Park residents to nearly 290 in just the past few years.

Located a short walking distance from SOMO Village and across the street from Maurice Fredericks Park, Willowglen Apartments offers affordable housing options for households earning less than 60% of the area median income. The property will be owned and operated by Burbank Housing and will be the fifth affordable housing community that the organization has built in Rohnert Park and brings the total number of new homes created for the city’s residents to 186. Burbank Housing’s President & CEO Larry Florin expressed excitement at the new opening and praised the city for its commitment to supporting housing for all in its community.

“The City of Rohnert Park is setting a good example by requiring subdivision developers to include affordable housing in their communities. This inclusionary housing is a great way of ensuring that affordable housing residents are not isolated in certain parts of the city. Burbank Housing is extremely happy to join the city in welcoming these families to their new homes.”

City of Rohnert Park Mayor Jackie Elward cut the ribbon at the event, officially welcoming the families of Willowglen. She said, “We are so excited to open these wonderful apartments in our community. One of our top goals is providing housing for all income levels, and this demonstrates that we follow through. We are happy to see that our community is gaining more families. Thank you Burbank Housing we are grateful to have such a great partner. Together we are making people dream again.”

All in all, it has been an exciting time for affordable housing in Rohnert Park. Cutting the ribbon on Willowglen continues the addition of more affordable housing rentals, affordable homeownership developments, and supportive housing projects that address the city’s housing needs in a thoughtful, comprehensive way.

With its eyes on the future, the City of Rohnert Park is updating its Housing Element, which will cover 2023 through 2031, and help define its goals and programs to meet the housing needs of its community.

About Burbank Housing

Burbank Housing is the North Bay’s leading affordable housing nonprofit. For 42 years, the organization has built, preserved, and managed safe, affordable rental and for-sale homes in the North Bay. It currently provides homesto approximately 10,000 people across more than 70 rental communities, and has built 1,000 ownership homes. Burbank Housing also has more than 500 affordable housing units in its predevelopment pipeline.

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